



DLT Awards - Virgin Islands

1999 Grant Award:

Government of Virgin Islands, Department of Health

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The Government of Virgin Islands, Department of Health is the legal name for Virgin Islands Rural Telehealth Network (VI Telehealth Network). The VI Telehealth Network will use grant funds from RUS to increase access to quality health care through telehealth systems for the population of the Virgin Islands. The intent is to provide access to remote patient consultations to the only hospital on the island of St. Croix, to establish a local secondary telemedicine network for the transfer of patient information and select specialty consultations between rural primary care clinics and the hospitals, to expand locally available continuing medical education (CME) sessions from Howard University Hospital to all physicians nurses and other providers of medical care and to deliver coordinated special patient health interventions such as patient support groups. The VI Telehealth Network will provide benefits to approximately 50,000 residents.